

tribute to those who served or gave their all in our defense.

The all-volunteer Florham Park Memorial First Aid Squad provides service 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. They cover 7½ square miles and service 12,600 residents along with businesses, schools, colleges, assisted living facilities, local streets and highways, as well as provide mutual aid to neighboring towns.

The Florham Park Memorial First Aid Squad is a non-profit organization financially supported only by donations; comprised 100 percent of volunteers. Students, professionals and retirees from all walks of life lend time to serve their community. Auxiliary members also volunteer on committees to preserve the house and grounds, as well as organize special social events.

The Florham Park Memorial First Aid Squad handles approximately 1,200 calls per year. A typical crew includes an experienced chief, an EMT-B and driver, and a probationary member (who has served less than 6 months on the squad). Responsibilities of the crew on call include, remaining in town during the shift, inspecting ambulance and equipment, and responding to 911 calls, along with drills and instruction.

Aside from time responding to calls, volunteers of the first aid squad complete numerous hours of rigorous training preparing for any situation that may arise. Their selfless donation of their time, tireless commitment to service and compassion for others sets these volunteers apart from others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Florham Park Memorial First Aid Squad as they celebrate their 60th Anniversary.

HONORING THE BIRTHDAY OF TURKEY'S FOUNDER

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on May 19, while Congress was in recess, the Republic of Turkey and Friends of Turkey commemorated the 92nd anniversary of the launching of Turkey's national campaign to establish an independent nation by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the founder of modern Turkey. Turkey also celebrates May 19 as the birthday of Ataturk.

During his life time Ataturk was able to lift a country from the ashes of the Ottoman Empire and build a secular democratic nation located at the crossroads of Europe and the Middle East. His reforms were widespread including political, social, legal, educational, and economic. Some were monumental such as abolishing the caliphate and the sultan, recognizing equal rights for men and women, adopting a new alphabet and adopting secular law. Ataturk had a vision for the country, one of a pro-western secular and democratic state in which the rule of law would prevail. He swiftly but steadily advanced toward that goal with the confidence of a born leader and the support of the Turkish nation.

Ataturk championed women's rights, and believed that education and scientific training was the key to advancement not only for the individual, but also for the country. During his

tenure, women were encouraged to become doctors, lawyers, engineers, scientists, and enter into politics.

The legacy of Ataturk is even more evident today, as the Arab Spring leads to dramatic changes in the Middle East and North Africa. There are lessons in Turkey's history which can be applied to the current situation around the world. With the right leadership and determination, democracy can take root and lay the foundations for a prosperous future in the region.

HONORING ADOLFO ALVAREZ, SR.

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Former Frio County Commissioner Adolfo Alvarez, Sr. to honor his contributions to South Texas. On May 28, 2011, Mr. Alvarez celebrates his 80th birthday and a lifetime of achievements as a Veteran and Former County Commissioner.

Mr. Alvarez was born May 27, 1931, in Harlingen, Texas, to the parentage of Gernaro and Dominga Alvarez. He attended Harlingen High School in 1950 and served his country in the Korean War upon graduation. Mr. Alvarez returned from battle and married Guadalupe Morales Alvarez soon after. The couple has been happily married for 55 years and their union produced 9 children, 19 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild.

Mr. Alvarez began working in the auto repair industry and has been the proud owner of A and A Auto Parts retail stores in Pearsall, Dilley and Cotulla, Texas since 1973. In 1980, he was elected Frio County Commissioner and devoted himself to the people for 20 years. In addition to his post as Commissioner, Mr. Alvarez also served on the State Democratic Executive Committee for the 21st Senatorial District, was an active member of the Mexican American Democrats, and was appointed to the Commission on Aging by Gov. Ann Richards during her time in office.

Residing in Pearsall, TX, Mr. Alvarez spends his days as the city's first life member of VFW Post 9185, a life member of the Knights of Columbus, and a member of the League of United Latin American Citizens. He remains spiritually active as a parishioner of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in the city in which he resides. As a former County Commissioner, he remains devoted to his community through his volunteer activities, church involvement, and interests.

Former Commissioner Alvarez has lived in Pearsall, Texas for over 30 years and served Precinct 3 for 16 years beginning in 1980 and ending in 2000. In addition, he is a Korean War Veteran and founding member of the VFW post in Pearsall, Texas.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had the opportunity to recognize the remarkable life of Mr. Adolfo Alvarez, Sr. and his 80th birthday celebration. Thank you.

CONGRATULATING ALDERMAN PATRICK J. LEVAR

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Alderman Patrick J. Levar on his recent retirement from his position as Alderman of the 45th Ward of the City of Chicago.

For the last 24 years, Alderman Levar represented the residents of the 45th Ward and worked to bring many improvements to the schools, businesses, and safety of his constituency. One of his many accomplishments as Alderman was the building of a new police station for the 16th District—Chicago Police Department to ensure that the 45th Ward was one of the safest in Chicago. He brought over \$7 million in improvements to local neighborhood schools and built the first new library on Chicago's northwest side. He returned over \$1 million to the 45th Ward by improving parks, playgrounds, and local streets.

He also wanted to make sure his ward thrived economically and worked tirelessly to rejuvenate businesses and create jobs by helping build shopping complexes and business structures. His dedication to his job and the city he loves is an example of why Chicago is known as "The City That Works."

Alderman Levar is very proud of the northwest side of Chicago, the area he has called home for his entire life, and of the Jefferson Park neighborhood, the area where he and his wife have raised their family.

Pat would be the first to tell you that his family is his first priority, and they have provided support for his entire career. He has been happily married for 37 years to his wonderful wife, Mary Ann. His family also includes his son, Patrick, Jr., and his wife, Jeanene, his daughters, Michelle and Julie, his son, Ryan, and his grandchildren, Patrick, Clare, and Maeve.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Alderman Levar's years of service to the City of Chicago. I hope that his dedication and hard work inspire us all to see the difference we can make by serving our local communities. I wish him a happy and successful retirement and all the best in the future.

A TRIBUTE TO ALEX MICHAEL JAGIM

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Alex Michael Jagim for the rank of an Eagle Scout. Alex is a junior at Waukee High School.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance based achievement whose standards have been well-maintained over the years. To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Alex's service project was to install a

video capture system which required raising more than \$6,000 in addition to physically installing the new system. Alex also went above and beyond the requirements by completing more than the minimum required number of merit badges, a total of 33, as well as serving in a variety of leadership roles throughout his time in Boy Scouts.

In addition to his commitments as a Boy Scout, Alex is also a member of Waukeg High School's Marching Band, Show Choir, Jazz Choir, National Honor Society, Tennis team, and drama department. After high school Alex plans to pursue a career in either Aerospace or Computer Engineering.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Alex Jagim and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues will join me in congratulating him on earning an Eagle Scout ranking and will wish him continued success in his future education and career.

CONGRATULATING AND
RECOGNIZING SUSAN EGAN

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Susan E. Egan and congratulate her on her forthcoming retirement. For the past 38 years, Mrs. Egan has served as the Head of Harborlight Montessori School, which she co-founded in 1973. She has served as an active leader of the school and has made numerous contributions to the school's development as well as to the community.

Under her leadership, Harborlight grew from a 27-student, one-room school located in the basement of the First Baptist Church in Beverly, Massachusetts, to a model Montessori school enrolling more than 250 students in 17 classes. With the addition of several wings for a preschool, an expansive school library, and additional rooms for art, music and language lessons, Susan's vision of making the Montessori method of teaching accessible to all children of the North Shore continues today.

An active member of the community, Susan serves on the Board of Symphony by the Sea as well as the Lynch Park Advisory Committee. Her dedication to service is instilled in the fabric of Harborlight, where students are involved in community service projects that partner with local organizations.

Prior to serving as the Head of Harborlight, Susan earned a master's degree in education and completed post-graduate work in counseling psychology. She is a licensed Mental Health Counselor and a Marriage and Family Therapist, as well as a licensed teacher, school director and Registered Nurse.

As she concludes her tenure as the Head of Harborlight Montessori School, I wish to recognize Susan Egan for her remarkable achievements as a teacher and mentor and wish her all the best in her retirement.

HONORING CHARLES D. "RUSTY"
FLACK, JR.

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart because Northeastern Pennsylvania has lost a truly great man.

Earlier today, Charles D. "Rusty" Flack, Jr., passed away after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Rusty leaves behind his wife, Kathi Stine Flack; his eldest son and namesake, Chad; and twins Jamie and Alex. Rusty was only 56 years old.

Rusty was a tremendous civic leader who tirelessly strived to ensure the organizations he treasured thrived. He directed a number of non-profit organizations and took many leadership roles in the community. He served as chairman of the board of Wyoming Seminary Preparatory School and the Luzerne Foundation. Previously, he served as chairman of the board of trustees at Misericordia University and Wyoming Valley Health System.

Rusty was driven to serve his community, and he found his true calling by following in his father's footsteps as a pioneer in the business world. When his father, Charles D. Flack, Sr., died in 1979, Rusty and his brother, Hal, took charge of Diamond Manufacturing Co., a fourth-generation family-owned business that has manufactured and sold perforated metal, plastic, and other materials in West Wyoming, Pennsylvania, since 1915. Rusty and Hal rescued the company from financial difficulties and subsequently built it into the largest supplier of perforated metal in North America. The company's products are seen in industrial, architectural, and design applications around the world. The Flack brothers sold the company just last year, but they remained connected to the company, and Rusty stayed on as chief executive officer.

On a personal note, I've had the privilege of knowing Rusty for almost a decade. He was a kind and generous man who loved his family, his community, and his business. I truly admire all that he was able to accomplish in both his personal and his professional lives. I am honored to have had an opportunity to know Rusty, and I will treasure his loyal friendship.

Mr. Speaker, Rusty Flack served Northeastern Pennsylvania with distinction. He leaves a remarkable legacy as a businessman, a civic leader, a patriot, and a family man.

Mr. Speaker, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in marking the passing of Charles D. "Rusty" Flack, Jr.

HONORING ANGELA Z.
MCCOLLOUGH

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Angela Z. McCollough, an employee of the Congressional Budget Office who is retiring next month after nearly 40 years of exemplary public service. In August of 1975, after spending three years at the En-

vironmental Protection Agency, Angie started her career at the Congressional Budget Office—just a few months after CBO was founded. From 1975 until 2008, she served as the secretary and administrative assistant to the Assistant Director of the Natural Resources and Commerce Division (since renamed the Microeconomic Studies Division). In October of 2008, Angie was promoted to Executive Assistant to the CBO Director.

Angie has been an invaluable member of the CBO team and over the years has exemplified the very best qualities of public service upon which the Congress and the Nation so heavily depend. Angie received two CBO Director's Awards—in 1984 and again in 2003. She has also received several STAR awards for her work in the Microeconomic Studies Division and the Office of the CBO Director. Angie was honored in 2001 for her role in recreating CBO's timekeeping and payroll system and for ensuring that CBO's employees were paid during that difficult period in the Fall of 2001 when the Ford House Office Building was closed for the anthrax investigation in the weeks following the tragic events of 9/11.

Angie is one of the longest serving employees in the history of the Congressional Budget Office. Her tenure at CBO spans the agency's lifetime. She has served under all 8 CBO Directors. And throughout her time at CBO Angie has set the standard for dedicated public servants throughout the Federal Government. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to acknowledge Angie's time at CBO, to thank her on behalf of the Congress and the Nation for her years of dedicated service, and to wish her all the best in what we hope and trust will be many years of a well-deserved and fruitful retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I regret missing floor votes on Wednesday, May 25, 2011. Had I registered my vote, I would have voted:

"Nay" on rollcall 338, On Agreeing to the Amendment—Fox of North Carolina Amendment No. 7.

"Yea" on rollcall 339, On Motion to Recommend with Instructions—To amend the Public Health Service Act to convert funding for graduate medical education in qualified teaching health centers from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations.

"Nay" on rollcall 340, Final Passage of H.R. 1216—To amend the Public Health Service Act to convert funding for graduate medical education in qualified teaching health centers from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations.

"Nay" on rollcall 341, On Ordering the Previous Question—Providing for further consideration of H.R. 1540, The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012.

"Nay" on rollcall 342, On Agreeing to the Resolution—Providing for further consideration of H.R. 1540, The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012.

"Yea" on rollcall 343, On Agreeing to the Amendment—Woolsey of California Amendment No. 2.